

NEW KEELS IN THE PROBE

THE WEATHER

Boston and vicinity—Fair; increasing cloudiness tonight, becoming rainy or snow Tuesday. Moderate variable winds, becoming westerly.
High 54.5 at 10 a. m.; 51.7 at 2 p. m.
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NEW LIGHT ON SKEELS MYSTERY

Prosecutor Now Sees "Jane Toppan" Case in Death Charges Against Nurse

Evidence tending to show that Mrs. Bessie M. Skeels, the nurse now under indictment in the murder of Miss Florence Gay of Andover, was a second "Bella Donna" or a "Jane Toppan," is in the possession of County Prosecutor Garvan of Hudson County, N. J., according to his statement today.

A second indictment has recently been brought against Mrs. Skeels in New Jersey, charging her with the death of her brother, Albert J. Williams of Bayonne.

Bella Donna, it will be recalled, is the chief character in Robert Hichens' novel of that name, who attempted to kill her husband by poison.

Jane Toppan was a nurse, now confined in the Taunton House Asylum, charged with poisoning nearly a score of New England people.

HINT AT OTHER DEATHS.

Hints that the death of Mrs. Skeels' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Anna Wilkins, are also shrouded in mystery, were given out by Prosecutor Garvan. He declined, however, to furnish any motive for the alleged crimes. Thus far five persons have been named as possible victims of the Lawrence nurse by the administration of justice.

Mr. Garvan today prepared a request to the authorities of Bergen County, N. J., to send Mrs. Skeels to the Taunton House Asylum.

FUNERAL OF HOUSE CHAPLAIN D. W. WALDRON

Funeral services of Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, for forty years chaplain of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, were held today at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Benjamin A. Whitcomb, pastor of the church, who also read the commitment prayer at the grave.

Among the present was a delegation from the House of Representatives, headed by Speaker Channing Cox. There was also a delegation from the City Mission Society, of which Rev. Mr. Waldron was superintendent for many years. Burial was at South Braintree.

ESCAPING GAS CAUSES DEATH OF A LODGER

Henry Hughes, fifty-one, a lodger at No. 414 Tremont street, was found dead in bed today by his landlady, Mrs. Catherine Donohue, who was summoned from an unlighted gas burner. Medical Examiner Leary pronounced death due to asphyxiation and removed the body to the Southern Burial.

FIGHTING FOR HEALTH

Police Officer John J. Smith, 400, First street, died today of pneumonia.

Medals for State Service Men Urged in Senate Bill

A bill providing for the State to give a medal of honor to all soldiers and sailors of Massachusetts who have served their country in the war, was filed with the Senate clerk today by Senator-elect Arthur L. Saxon of Haverhill. A certificate of valor would be presented by the State to the families of all men who made the supreme sacrifice. Under the bill the medals would be designed by the Governor and Council.

10,000 GUARDS MOBILIZED TO AID EBERT

Berlin Seething With Counter-Revolution; French General Enters City During Riot

By International News Service.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Following the bloody night in the streets of Berlin 10,000 republican guards are being held there to put down any counter-revolution against the Ebert government. It was reported from Copenhagen today.

Counter-revolutionary agitation is growing in the German capital and many arrests are being made. Extremist organizers are gathered at Berlin from all parts of Germany for a definite organized attempt to overturn the socialist regime.

At the height of the street fighting on Friday, when many persons were killed, an automobile bearing General Dupont of the French army appeared on the scene, but the officer was not struck by the flying bullets.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The presence of General Dupont in Berlin is explained in a diplomatic dispatch received here this morning. According to the Frankfurter Zeitung, General Dupont is in the German capital to arrange for the transport and repatriation of French prisoners, and is making his headquarters at the police station formerly occupied by the French command.

SCHWAB WILL AGAIN HEAD BETHLEHEM WORK

New York, Dec. 9.—Charles M. Schwab, who resigned last week as head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, will return at once to active management of the Bethlehem Steel Company in making the corporation better. Mr. Schwab said that while he expects to have no serious troubles during the reconstruction period, he believes the ship will soon emerge into a greater industrial development than ever before.

ONLY ONE CONTEST IN SOMERVILLE ELECTION

Somerville city election tomorrow will have only one contest, that in Ward 2, where there are three candidates for Aldermen. Two of them, Almon Heald and John E. Lonsdale, are Republicans and the third, Harry J. Norton, is running as an independent. The Mayor, Charles W. H. Houghton, even Aldermen and the rest of the Republican candidates are supposed.

"BARGER" GAME'S CHARGED

Counsel in Gruber Love Suit Says Attempt Is Made to Extort

The Gruber alienation suit was branded as a "barger" game today by W. J. Patron, counsel for the defense, in his opening address to the jury.

Patron denounced the action as a conspiracy to extort money from a married man, who had unfortunately done at times "a great many foolish things."

Albert J. McGurthy, the Brighton contractor, who is sued for \$10,000 by Harris Gruber, a Boston hotel waiter, was the first defense witness.

Gruber seeks damages on the ground that McGurthy alienated the wife of McGurthy's partner in business, Mrs. Frances Gruber, the plaintiff's wife.

In addressing the jury McGurthy's lawyer said in part:

"This suit is nothing more or less than a 'barger.' It is a conspiracy to extort money from the defendant, who is unfortunately a married man with children and at times has done a great many foolish things."

Gruber testified in cross-examination.

ADAM WOOD HOST TO CAPTAIN CARPENTER

At the luncheon given today to Captain Alfred P. B. Carpenter of the British warship *Vindictive* by Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood, commanding the First Naval District, at his home, No. 107 Chestnut street, were present: Rear Admiral Markham, Polign, Rogers, Whitcomb and Taylor, Captain Charles C. Marsh, chief of staff of the First Naval District; Ensign Macdonald, Chaplain Van der Horst, Paymaster Overstreet, and the Honorable Colonel Buchanan, Alexander White, and Professor Burrows.

Wood attended the dedication of the new naval service club, 311 St. Vernon street.

SOMERVILLE CITIZENS PROTEST B-CENT FARE

Indignant citizens of Somerville unanimously voted a protest against the increased fares and the "poor service" rendered by the Boston Elevated Company on the Highland and Somerville section. The section has been under the management of the Boston Elevated Company since the death of Harry Z. Carter, the independent candidate for alderman in Ward 2.

TROOPS TO DISBAND AT ENLISTMENT CAMPS

All returning army organizations will be mustered out at the camps where the men enlisted. It was officially announced today by Major Michael J. Moore, acting assistant of the Ordnance Department.

20,000 . . . S. BOYS HOME THIS WEEK

Transports Expected at New York Carry, Among Others, Officers and Men of 76th

By International News Service.

New York, Dec. 9.—Nearly twenty thousand American soldiers from "over there" are expected to arrive in New York this week.

The United States hospital ship *Comfort*, which stopped at the Azores on account of stormy weather, was expected to reach here today with 401 wounded men aboard, according to wireless advices.

YANKEE TROOPS RUSHED TO COBLENZ

By International News Service.

Paris, Dec. 9.—American troops are meeting Coblenz. It was announced here today. Coblenz, on the Rhine, was the objective of the American army of occupation. It already has been announced that British forces have entered Cologne, while the Belgians occupied Düsseldorf, both on the Rhine.

According to Marcel Huin, French troops will be brigaded with the American army of occupation in order that all line regiments may see service in the conquest of territory.

FIFTY-SIX NEW GRIP CASES AND ONE DEATH

Influenza is far from being calm in Boston, according to figures at the health commissioner's office. From Saturday morning until Sunday morning there were reported fifty-six new cases and one death. There were seven deaths. Dr. Woodward, the commissioner, is still in Chicago, in secret touch with the local situation by his secretary, Stephen B. Jones.

TRIAL OF VICTOR BERGER IS OPENED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Five Socialist leaders—Victor Berger, Congressman-elect from Milwaukee; Adolf Pinker, national secretary of the Socialist party; Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, Louis Elmer, secretary of the People's Socialist League, and William P. Kruse, secretary of the Young People's Socialist League, were today indicted on charges of conspiracy to hinder war work and discourage enlistment.

Von Hindenburg and Kaiser Lived in 'Funk Holes'

By International News Service.

Sgt. Frigolius, Dec. 9.—Hindenburg of the German war machine, including the ex-Kaiser, lived in constant fear of allied airmen while at great headquarters here. It was learned by correspondents with the aristocratic negotiations.

The "funk holes" (subterranean) were found to be in fact. Both were very deep and reinforced with steel things. The war makers spent many hours in them, taking refuge at the first sign that an allied airplane was approaching.

When American officers arrived they converted the entrance to a pantry.

The situation was secured here that some of the time since the German in Northern France before the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, due to explode until January.

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London, Dec. 9.—All German warships under construction are to be handed over to the allies immediately, although the German government has protested against this procedure, said a news agency dispatch from Berlin today.

The allies have issued a demand upon Germany for the right to inspect the aerial force at Friedrichshafen. It was reported from Berlin today.

There are big airplanes and Zeppelins at Friedrichshafen. The allies demand that German warships within forty-eight hours list all of the warships built or being built, including river ships, while the new cruiser *Madchen* must be given up more than to be specified.

According to the new maritime demand of the allies, the German warships involved must be placed out of commission and vacated by their crews as soon as housing conditions on shore will permit.

No German merchant ships may be transferred to a neutral flag during the period by which the allies will take place at the mouth of the Rhine (on the British coast) while the French ships will be returned at Dunkirk.

The allies are to claim the occupation of all ships commandeered or seized by the prize court and the surrender of all allied merchant ships interned in German ports by December 11.

SPECTACULAR ENTRY OF POINCARRE IN STRASBOURG

Zurich, Dec. 9.—President Poincarre entered Strasbourg this morning amid spectacular ceremonies.

President Poincarre made formal entry into Metz on Sunday.

BRITISH REACH RHINE NEAR CITY OF COLOGNE

London, Dec. 9.—British troops advancing into Germany reached the Rhine between Cologne and Dusseldorf, on Sunday, the War office announced this afternoon.

TODAY'S BANK STATEMENT. Boston bank clearing, \$41,750,000. New York bank clearing, \$47,400,000. New York bank clearing, \$47,400,000.

TO PUBLISH SECRET PAPERS TO FIX WAR BLAME

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Washington, Dec. 9.—All the documents secreted in the Imperial Foreign Office in Berlin are to be published immediately to definitely determine whether the former Kaiser is responsible for the war, it has been officially announced to the Frankfurter Zeitung, according to a radio received at the French high commission today from Berne.

When these documents have been sifted and examined the present government of Germany will call those found to be responsible for the war before a tribunal to make their defence and hear the punishment imposed, the dispatch adds.

The above dispatch indicates that the present German government will undertake to punish the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and other junker leaders who were responsible for starting the war. All doubt regarding the responsibility for the war has long since disappeared in the allied countries.

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JAPANESE MISSION ARRIVES IN BOSTON

The Japanese mission, visiting this country for the purpose of establishing closer trade relations between America and the Orient, arrived in Boston today. The mission is composed of six trade experts, headed by R. Yamashita, vice-president of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce. Following a luncheon at the Copple-Plaza, a visit was made to City Hall. The mission will be entertained by the Boston Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at the Parker House tomorrow.

Former Kaiser Is Made Ill by Worry

By International News Service.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Worried over the possibility of his extradition and trial, the former Kaiser of Germany is ill at Amersfoort, according to a news agency dispatch today. A new specialist is in constant attendance on William at Count Reinken's castle.

EBERT RUSHES MORE TROOPS TO BERLIN

Zurich, Dec. 9.—Chancellor Ebert has rushed up fresh troops to Berlin, where the Prussian guard is reported to have saved the government from being overthrown, according to information from the German frontier today. Disorders have broken out at Pilsen. At Munich extremists broke up democratic meetings.

PRESIDENT TO CALL ON POPE DECEMBER 23

Rome, Dec. 9.—President Wilson will call upon Pope Benedict XV. at the Vatican on December 23, the Mexican stated today.

The papal Secretary of State, and Thomas Nelson Page, the American Ambassador to Italy, have gone to Paris to meet the President.

14 INJURED IN WRECK OF BUFFALO FLYER

Emporium, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Buffalo flyer on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked two miles north of Emporium Junction today. Six cars were derailed and several injured. All the passengers were badly shaken up but only fourteen suffered injuries more seriously. A broken rail was the cause of the accident.

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WILSON CALLS FOR BAZAR CARPENTERS TO REPAIR RUINED EUROPE

Washington, Dec. 8.—Dr. Harry A. Garfield, resigned head of the United States Fuel Administration, has been asked by President Wilson to accompany Henry F. Davison, chairman of the War Council of the American Red Cross and Bernard M. Baruch, resigned chairman of the proposed reconstruction mission to Europe, it was announced at the fuel administration today.

The request from President Wilson to Dr. Garfield came in the form of a letter from the U. S. Fuel Administration, which was sent to Mr. Garfield by Mr. Davison.

With the presence of Baruch, Davison and Garfield practically all the heads of America's war administration will be in Europe, assisting in all phases of reconstruction will be directed by men familiar with the respective problems.

Baruch, a war council member, Hoover, fuel administration, are now studying the problems of reconstruction in Europe.

22 ARRESTED IN RAID ON PUTNAM GUN CLUB

Brewster, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Five women and seventeen men were arrested in a spectacular early morning raid by a detachment of State constabulary on the rooms of the Putnam Gun Club, here.

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Local Brevities

CHILD DROPS MATCH, SETS FIRE IN HOUSE

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 8.—A young child, aged four, dropped a lighted match on the floor of a room at her home, No. 127 Winthrop street, Wednesday. The fire, which was extinguished by the police at 1:50 p. m., did not cause any damage.

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WOUNDED BOYS GET OUT THE "COME BACK"

Central and South America Most Attractive Field, Declares Speaker

By International News Service.
Baltimore, Dec. 8.—President Wilson can be depended upon to secure the freedom of the seas at the coming peace congress.

American foreign trade must be greatly expanded if the prosperity of the United States is to be augmented or even maintained.

Our present immense merchant marine can only be maintained by such expansion of our foreign trade, for without additional trade American ships will be mostly idle and of little use.

Central and South America present the greatest opportunity for increasing the foreign trade of the United States.

These opinions were voiced today by Champ Clark, speaker of the House, in an address here at the opening of the Southern Commercial Congress.

Speaker Clark said that in far-reaching effects the treaty of Versailles, ending the thirty years' treaty of Vienna, ending the Napoleonic wars, the treaty of London, ending the war of the Spanish succession, and the treaty of Berlin, ending the Russo-Turkish war, will all point the way to the future of the world.

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200,000 Women Sign Pledge to Help Feed Europe

More than 200,000 Massachusetts women have promised the State Food Administration to "carry on" in the work of conservation until, with the next harvest, sufficient food is available for every home in Europe as well as in America.

The pledge, as given by the members of the Boston Women's City Club, National Civic Federation, League for Catholic Women, Municipal League and many other groups, was signed at a mass meeting of women throughout the State, today.

"We pledge to our country our best effort to prevent waste and the unskillful use of our food resources. We pledge our loyal cooperation in carrying out the conservation measures suggested by the government."

"And if economy sometimes goes to the limit, if this service work unbecomingly gives in our hands the lives of those who have given their lives for their country and of those whose homes have been devastated by the war, we will, as we can, serve in satisfying their hunger, in renewing their courage, and in rebuilding their homes."

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Senator McLaughlin Urges Trustees to Hear South Boston Grievances

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3,046 Named in Two Casualty Lists

Washington, Dec. 8.—More than 3,000 names are on the two casualty lists issued today by the War Department. In the total of 3,046 names there are 91 officers of whom 14 are from New England. The lists are subdivided as follows:

Killed in action, 132; died of wounds, 17; died of disease, 24; died of airplane accident, 3; died of disease, 1; wounded, 1,021; missing, 1,237; wounded slightly, 146; missing in action, 574.

Massachusetts has 102 in the lists; Connecticut, 41; Rhode Island, 14; Maine, 12; New Hampshire, 18; Vermont, 4, a total, including officers, of 210.

The lists follow:

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Is Second of Three Chums to Give Life to Country

Lieutenant Kenneth Malcolm died of pneumonia, N. J., whose death at Cleveland, Penn., was announced by Dean Charles H. Shaw of the School of Applied Science of New York University, is the second of three chums of the engineering school known as University Heights as "The Inseparables" to give their lives for their country in the war. Companionship of the three died that all should exist in the U. S. Army at the same time.

Lieutenant Hall, who belonged to the air service, lost his life on October 25, in a fall in the course of a flight. Lieutenant Gerald Vincent Carroll of Passaic, N. J., and Lieutenant James V. Storer of South Norwalk, Ct., were the three men sent from the first training camp at Plattsburgh, New York, to the front lines. Lieutenant Carroll, also of the air service, lost his life on September 13 last, at Ellington field, Maryland. Lieutenant Storer, with the 16th Infantry, is the survivor of the group.

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BARES PLOT TO ESTRANGE U.S. AND BRITAIN

Startling Evidence of German Propaganda Given by the Ship Board Chief</

NOT A SOLDIER EXECUTED FOR WAR OFFENSE

Remarkable Record for U. S.
Army in Respect to the
Death Sentence

The International News Service, Washington, Dec. 8.—Not one member of America's huge army has been put to death since the beginning of the war for a military offense. This is the outstanding feature of the annual report of the judge advocate general of the army, made public today.

A few death sentences have been imposed by the army, but all have been commuted, the report says. It is doubtful if this record has ever before been paralleled in warfare. Since the beginning of the war and up to June 30, 1918, a total of 12,567 officers and enlisted men of the United States Army were tried for various offenses by general courts-martial. Of this number 19,877 soldiers and officers were convicted and punished in various ways, while 1,484 were acquitted. Of the total number tried, 11,059 were enlisted men and 412 were officers.

A total of 217 officers were sentenced to dismissal from the army during this period, the great majority of the sentences being carried out. The total number of enlisted men sentenced to dismissal, from the army, during this period was 2,072.

The predominant offenses against officers were: Absence without leave, drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The proportionate scale of offenses charged against enlisted men during the period covered is: Disobedience, 1,046 charges; desertion, 2,327 charges; absence without leave, 2,927 charges; larceny, 1,438 charges; military violations, 1,850 charges; assault, 824 charges, and drunkenness, 774 charges.

101 PRINCETON MEN GAVE LIVES IN WAR

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 8.—Of Princeton's 6,500 soldiers, 101 gave their lives for their country. It was disclosed in figures published today. Nearly half of those who saw active service, 5,651, were officers, while the total number in the army or navy amounted to nearly 50 per cent. of all living Princeton men. Nearly three-fourths of Princeton's undergraduates, and approximately one-third of her alumni entered the service.

DR. NAZARIAN'S PARENTS ARE KILLED BY TURKS

Rev. A. H. Nazarian, pastor of the People's Temple, an Armenian preacher who is pleading the cause of Armenians in this country, had received information, he declares, that his father and mother were massacred by Turks and that they have killed his cousin, forced him to marry and sent a barren and left the children to die. Rev. Mr. Nazarian declares that peace should not be signed until Armenia is given autonomous government and it is allowed to work out its own salvation.

200 BAY STATE MEN IN VERMONT START HOME

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 8.—Two hundred Massachusetts men started home today when the University of Vermont training detachment closed its course. One thousand soldiers have been trained for vocations at the school since May. There are no influenza cases among them, but in the students' Army Training Corps there have been seventy new cases within the past few days, with six deaths.

TWO FISHERMEN LOST BY BOSTON SCHOONERS

Two Boston fishing schooners came to the Boston fish pier today with large hauls of fish for last members of their crews. Frank La Blanche was swept from the deck of the Somerville during a gale. Joseph Ferradina of the Pilot 1, Oliver was lost when his dory capsized.

\$500,000 Middletown, Ct., Fire

Middletown, Ct., Dec. 8.—Damage estimated at \$500,000 was caused by a fire which swept a portion of the business section of Middletown early today. For a time the entire business district was threatened. The Thompson department store was destroyed.

"SYRUP OF FIGS" CHILD'S LAXATIVE

Look at tongue! Remove poisons from stomach, liver and bowels.



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package. Then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious, fruity taste. Full directions for child's use on each bottle. Give it without fear.—Advertisement.

SOUTHERN BEAUTY TO LEAD WELLESLEY EXERCISES



Miss Mary Crowther of Savannah, Ga., who has been chosen to officiate at the Wellesley commencement exercises.

SEEK BILL TO CONTROL RADIO STATIONS

Washington, Dec. 8.—Setting of Uncle Sam's radio operators at every wireless keyboard in the United States and its possessions, thus eliminating disastrous competition, is the object of a bill which the Navy Department will attempt to rush through the closing session of the sixty-fifth Congress.

The technical reason for this is that wireless stations near each other must be tuned in harmony to send and receive messages and with competition, they say, this is impossible.

Miss Mary Crowther, a Southern beauty, has been elected by Wellesley College students as "Tree Day Mistress." She will officiate at the traditional and picturesque exercises which have for years made Wellesley commencement unique. Miss Crowther comes from Savannah, Georgia. She proved her fitness for this latest honor by her performance in a recent "barn play," where she played a role calling for much grace and beauty. She has held the office of senior class secretary.

The "Tree Day" exercises are to be more elaborate than usual this year. Contrary to custom, the exercises will be open to the public, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross.

Nearly 500 dancers, instead of the less than 100 who usually take part, are being trained by the hygiene department. They will have six months' drill in the "light fantastic" before the event comes off.

STREET IN METZ IS
NAMED FOR WILSON

Paris, Dec. 8.—Prince Friedrich Karl's name in Metz has been changed to Rue President Wilson.

GOOD GAINS ARE MADE IN BRISK MARKET

Stocks were in demand and prices were higher in the New York stock market this morning. A number of good gains were made.

Distillers rose from 45½ to 45½, up 1½; Industrial Alcohol from 102 to 102, up 2, after which it sold at 101½. Best Sugar sold at 40½ after selling up 3½ at 41½; Corn & Foundry sold up to 46½, a gain of 1½. C. & B. Steel started at 47½, sold at 47½, then at 46½, off 1½. Bethlehem sold at 46½, before selling 46½, up ½. Crucible was up 1½ at 21½. Ingot was up 1½ at 76. Brierley Ingot was up from 75 to 76½, up 1½. Coppers were quiet. Anaconda was up ½ at 64½. Inspiration sold at 48½ and Utah ½ at 77½. American Smelting rose from 75 to 76½, up 1½. Heading sold at 14, at 14½. Union Pacific gained 1½, at 102½, after opening at 100; Southern Pacific was up ½, at 161.

Studebaker dropped from 25½ to 25, off 1½; Willys-Cordell sold 24½, up ½; Marine 30½, rounded off from 31½ to 31½, off ½; Mexican Petroleum sold at 34½, up ½, after

MESS FOR AMERICAN SOLDIER COMMEMORATED

Washington, Dec. 8.—The "mess" of the American soldier, both in camp and overseas, is particularly commemorated in the annual report of the inspector-general of the army. He reported that in the personal examination of more than 30,000 soldiers since the war began he did not receive a single complaint against the food. The report admits there have been complaints about some of the clothing.

JAMES O'NEILL, HURT BY AUTO, IS RECOVERING

New York, Dec. 8.—James O'Neill, the veteran actor, is recovering from injuries received when run down by an automobile. His face was badly cut and he received other injuries. Mr. O'Neill is past 70 years old.

The newest of the new are these advanced Spring models featuring the side tunic, the Medieval or low waist-line, apron panels, the diagonal drape line, and the long narrow skirt. Just what will be worn by women of distinctive tastes.



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PLAN TONIGHT FOR ALL-NATION XMAS FETE

Citizens of all nationalities will meet tonight in Faneuil Hall to arrange for a fitting celebration of Christmas by men and women of all nations that have special reason for rejoicing this year. The celebration will be directed by Miss Lotta A. Clark of the American Pageant Association.

Plans for the celebration include a pageant in costume, community singing and carols on the steps of the State House, where the pageant of nations celebrating the return of peace will be given. The pageant and the celebration has the hearty endorsement of Mayor Peter J. Demme. A march of carol singers through the principal streets of the city will follow. The celebration will terminate at the Boston

AMERICAN Christmas tree on the Common, where carols will be sung. Full arrangements will be completed at the Faneuil Hall meeting tonight.

Members of the committee assisting Miss Clark are Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brown, Mrs. Walter Devereux, Mrs. Andrew Winslow, Miss Caroline Atkinson, Mrs. Helen S. Dudley, Mrs. Edwin D. Mead, Mrs. George Sweeney, Mrs. Clara Fennell, Miss Grace Horne, Miss Lena Hardy, Miss Anne Withington, Miss Eugenia Frothingham, Miss Adeline Moffat, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Whitman, Henry W. Longfellow Lane, Mrs. Richard S. Graham and Mrs. Wenona Osborn Pinkham.

CARDINAL O'CONNELL TO ADDRESS N. Y. MEETING

New York, Dec. 8.—Cardinal O'Connell of Boston is to be the chief speaker at a great mass meeting in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night that will mark the opening of a country-wide series of gatherings in honor of President Wilson's policy of self-determination for small nations, especially Ireland. The Cardinal will be accompanied in honor of Cardinal O'Connell by Irish society, the president by the Cardinal himself. Supreme Court Justice

John W. Goff, Daniel P. Cahalan and Edward J. Grogan will meet Cardinal O'Connell to the meeting, at which they will be speakers.

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| Women's Sheer Linen Belgian Flax Handkerchiefs—Hemstitched, 6 for 2.00, each..... | 35c | Women's Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs—With exclusive patterns, direct importation, in boxes, Box of 3..... | 1.00 |
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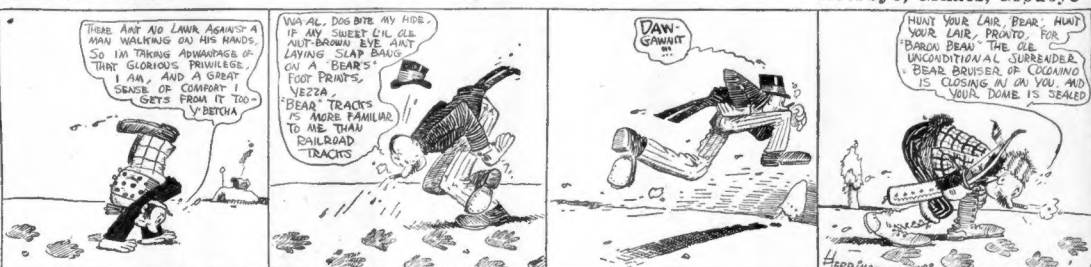
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Goodbye, Grimes, Goodbye



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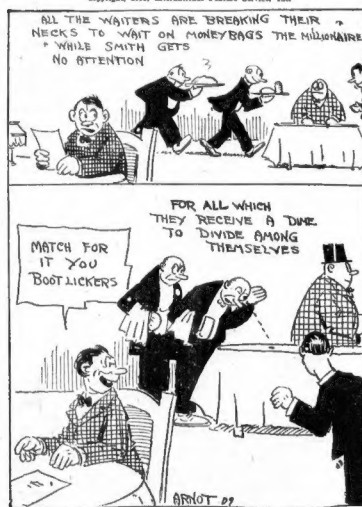
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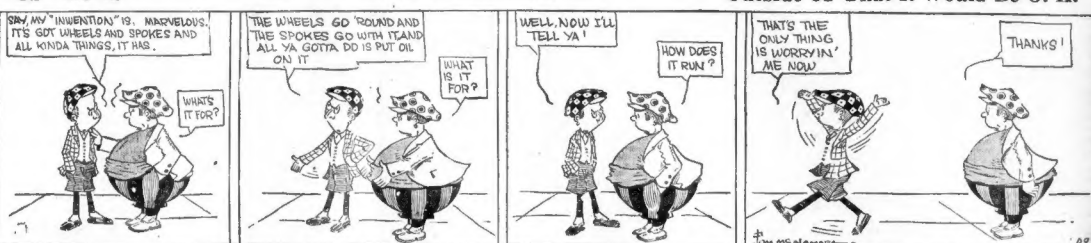
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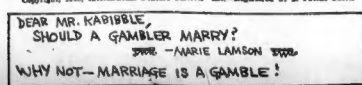
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The American's New England Development Forum

The war is over—the armed struggle to destroy is done. Now begins a healthy emulation among the nations to achieve the victories of trade which in the span of years are no less renowned than the victories of war. Our place in the sun will be determined by our early preparations for this great conflict.

The New England States above all other parts of the Union are interested in the outcome of this struggle, for we must depend on foreign trade for the prosperity of our industries more and more as the years go on.

What policies of commercial preparedness our nation as a whole, and New England in particular, ought to adopt is a question which no New Englander can afford to ignore.

The third article of President Wilson's famous fourteen principles of Peace advocates the "removal so far as possible of all economic barriers and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions among all the nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance."

If this program is to be carried out, then we in the United States are to go in quest of the trade of the world, which up to a few years ago we have almost entirely neglected. We are now in a position to acquire a firm hold, if not absolute control, of the shipping trade of the world. If the Shipping Board plan goes through of producing twenty-five million tons of shipping, then we will have an ocean transportation service sufficient for the traffic of the world. The government having acquired control of the railroads, of shipping, and of telegraph wires and cables, but one more factor remains to be developed to the highest point, the factor of economy in production.

Power is the most important element of successful industry in New England, and for cheap power means cheap coal. But coal mining and the distribution of coal are at present very crude, antiquated processes, wasteful and unsatisfactory to an absurd degree. From the mountain streams of Maine water power now wasted may generate electricity enough to run the entire transportation systems of New England. The substitution of electric power for steam will release cars to help out in other directions. The cost may frighten many, but timid people should never approach the subject of foreign commerce. This country can no longer think in terms of copper pennies, but rather in golden eagles and pounds. We must abandon parochial home market ideals and reach out for the world prize.

At the close of the Civil War in 1865 the United States was burdened with a net debt of \$2,750,000,000. In 1912 the foreign commerce of the United States was something over four billion dollars. For the year 1917 the foreign commerce of the United States reached the unheard-of figures of \$9,178,000,000 and the excess of exports over imports was \$3,274,000,000. Just reflect. In the one year 1917 the excess of our exports over our imports was five hundred and twenty-four million dollars greater than our total national debt at the close of the Civil War.

In 1912, out of a total foreign commerce of the world amounting to

thirty-five billions, England did six billions, Germany four and a half billions, and the United States a trifle over four billions, these three countries being the controlling factors of the commerce of the world, with England substantially the leader because of her enormous superiority in shipping. England and America will, therefore, be the two great rivals for control of the world's trade, but it need not be a vicious rivalry.

We have much to learn from England's experience in building up foreign trade. Her splendid dock systems and her surpassing ports, her banking systems and her credit bureaus, all operate to give an advantage over this country which can be successfully met only by patient labor and wise judgment.

New England must look to a future of foreign commerce. Our home market is gradually being taken from us by the men of the West and South, so that the future of Boston and New England inevitably leads us to the sea. Boston's facilities for handling freight are well known to the shipping interests of the world. New England's business abilities are well known to the merchants and bankers of the world. In the rebuilding of the European States vast quantities of those things which New England produces will be required.

We have already won the genuine sympathy of the great body of the peoples of Central Europe. No longer is there any political hostility toward the government or the people of the United States. The Czechoslovaks will always remember with gratitude the fact that their Republican form of government was practically organized in the United States. The Poles will recall that it was the United States which insisted upon a free and independent Poland. The Balkan States, freed from intrigue and conspiracy, organized either as a Federal Union of States or as several independent States, and no longer crushed under the heel of military autocrats, will look to the people of the United States for commercial and political counsel. These States will offer a market for manufactured goods for fifty years to come. We have two million soldiers in France today—the most powerful advertising factor at the country's disposal. France and Italy will be our best foreign press agents.

But of all the countries of the world Russia is the one country whose economic destiny seems to be inseparably linked with that of the United States. The Russians are struggling through many divergent interests to create a stable government. They will eventually succeed in forming a government which will comprise many parties, who will know how to argue out their differences and settle them peacefully. American influence should be exerted in favor of Russian representation at the Peace Conference. American influence should be exerted through all of Russia for the purposes of education and of emphasizing the fact that America is Russia's real friend.

Constantinople, which for centuries has bottled up the commercial and industrial development of Russia, will probably be placed under an international commission, on which America should be represented. The commerce of Russia on the Black Sea already before the war ran high into the

millions. American enterprise devoted to the development of the agriculture of Russia could create conditions within the next two years which would make possible the production of cereals sufficient to feed the entire world. There is timber enough in Russia to rebuild all of the devastated portions of Europe and still leave an abundance to provide for future growth of that country. Italy has always been short of coal, but Russia has undeveloped coal mines in the Valley of Donetz sufficient to supply Italy and all the other States in the Mediterranean by water transportation from the mine to the consumer. In rebuilt Europe the Russians will be the most important people of all to America.

Great as was the growth of America's foreign commerce in 1917, far greater the debt of the country at the close of the Civil War, this growth insignificant in comparison with the growth which America can reasonably look forward to during the next ten years, and of this enormous increase in wealth New England, if only her citizens are awake to the situation, will enjoy its rightful share.

How can our natural and artificial resources be best developed to retain and increase the prosperity of these New England States as a great commercial and industrial factor in the prosperity of the nation? It is a problem to which our business men, our public officials, and the leaders of labor must give serious thought.

To debate the Boston AMERICAN proposes to establish a public forum. It requests signed articles from students of our economic, agricultural and social conditions. It proposes to print these signed articles in its columns from day to day, so that all sides of the problem may be covered, and the may be a thorough and exhaustive presentation of the whole situation. It desires no tinge of political or personal feeling in these articles, but rather that they shall be cold studies of conditions and facts, accompanied by clearly thought-out remedies and plans for much-needed improvements.

Signed articles for the Forum have already been promised by the following:

David I. Walsh, United States Senator-elect; Andrew J. Peters, Mayor of Boston; Richard H. Long, Framingham, manufacturer; Wilfrid L. Wheeler, commissioner of agriculture; Victor Heath, chairman Public Safety Committee, merchant, Boston; Michael H. Corcoran, wool trade, Boston; Hon. Samuel L. Powers, Boston Elevated trustees; Hon. Joseph A. Conroy, lawyer, member old board of Boston Port Directors, Boston; John N. Colechatter, Waterways Commission; John F. Stevens, president Central Labor Union, Boston; William H. O'Brien, Public Service Commission; John J. Martin, president Exchange Trust Company; J. Walter Muller, Conciliation and Arbitration Board; Hon. William M. Butler, lawyer, chairman Boston Elevated trustees; Dr. R. C. MacLaurin, president Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Dr. Lemuel H. Murlin, president Boston University, Boston; John H. Fahey, ex-president United States Chamber of Commerce; Charles Logue, builder, former chairman Boston Schoolhouse Commission; Henry B. Endicott, Public Safety Committee; William F. Fitzgerald, banker.

Need of Looking Before We Leap

The local organization to promote the league of nations has been recruited from among the most intelligent and patriotic of our citizens. It is always a hopeful sign when idealistic movements get the support and the self-sacrifice of men and women of this character.

But there is one phase of this movement for the league of nations which the AMERICAN feels obliged to call to the attention of those committed to it. We ought not to be like the dog who was crossing the stream with a bone and who, seeing the shadow of the bone in the clear water, dropped the bone to grab at the shadow.

We have just safeguarded against future attacks on LIBERTY and DEMOCRACY—the two great agencies for giving peace, prosperity, happiness and justice to the world—BY FORCE OF ARMS. The military efficiency and the military genius of the French people, and the size of the British navy, enabled us to crush in Europe at the very threshold a vast conspiracy against the civilized progress of mankind. We chose to join in the struggle, and by that choice we have committed ourselves to certain situations which necessarily increase the liability of this country to be drawn into international quarrels.

George Washington, in his farwelling address, urged us to avoid entangling alliances and to prepare for war as the two best means of preserving peace. Now we have for the moment at least abandoned Washington's first injunction, and thereby we have increased the necessity of obedience to his second injunction.

The danger of too much zeal in the pursuit of ideal conditions for the world is that with our heads in the clouds we may forget that our feet are upon the same old world they have always trodden, with the same old human nature and all its old pitfalls, and with the same old necessity of looking before we leap. Joining with the practical idealists will always be the dreamers who, placing too much stress upon superficial consistency, will oppose keeping our powder dry while we are putting our trust in God.

It is always difficult for men to stop half way. It always requires courage to be moderate in the councils of the extremists. It will require considerable poise for the men who are zealous about the league of nations not to overlook the necessity of keeping this country prepared for any emergency by maintaining a big navy, and the equal necessity of universal, compulsory military training.

The Bracing Sea Air



A LETTER OF INSPIRATION YOU OUGHT TO READ

By Winifred Black

HERE'S a letter that I am going to keep a copy of—and when the world and the people in it are going to take that letter out and read it over and feel as if I had just had a long drink of cold, sparkling water after a dusty walk on a hot day or as if I had lain on a sick bed in a field room and some one had opened the window and had let in a breeze of clean sea air—come from miles and miles of clean, blue, rolling water: Dear Winifred Black:

I read about the alley baby you write about. We want to adopt a child so bad, but don't know where to go. We have three boys—one sixteen, one thirteen and the baby, five. What we wanted was a little girl of eight or nine to fit in between our two boys, and we would just love to get a girl. We can give her a good home and would educate her and bring her up as our own.

My husband owns and operates a dray line in this town, near where we have lived for twenty years. We own our own home, have six acres of land and a nice place; have two teams, one Jersey cow and calf, two pigs, seven chickens and fifty chicks, and five Shetland ponies.

The boys often wish we had a girl and tell me to write somewhere and find out. So now I will ask you to help put me in touch with a home where they have children for adoption.

My husband is so glad I am writing for a girl. Please help us to make this home and a little orphan girl happy, you that know.

My husband is fifty and I am forty-seven, but in good health. We don't ask for anything unusual—just a common, bright, well girl of that age. Won't you please answer as soon as possible? I will be looking for an answer every day. Lovingly, MRS. H. H.

There, now! Aren't you glad you read it? They aren't in the books or in the plays—women like this and homes like this and healthy, happy children and good and sensible men like the one the writer of this letter speaks of as simply and naturally as if they were quite common and to be expected as a matter of course any hour in the day—anywhere.

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HONESTY AND THAT EVIL NEMESIS THE LIE

By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow

"A life is today, a man has so many points of contact with his fellow-beings that it is hard to tell a successful lie. There are a thousand ways or checking him up."

That is a sentence I read the other day in a published interview, and the man who enunciated it ought certainly to know what he is talking about, for he is one of the chiefs of the government secret service, and in the last twenty months or so has confounded scores of the most prominent and capable liars on Germany's payroll.

This statement set me to wondering if perhaps one of the oldest, the most cherished and at the same time the most futile of human vices was at last to be eradicated—slain, by that very complexity of modern life which might seem to afford it wider opportunities.

"This world is a world of lies," as the old song goes. It always has been. It is so today. Wives lie to their husbands, husbands to their wives. Children seem to take to it as naturally as young ducks to water. "Women," there are the name authority I have quoted above, "will lie more readily than men, and will stick to a lie with greater tenacity." And the reason for this, he believes, is that a lie is one of women's natural weapons of defense.

That may be true so far as getting out of an unpleasant situation is concerned, but my own observation has been that to gain an advantage or to enhance their own prestige men will lie quite as freely, if not more so, than women. In other words, the difference between the lying of the two sexes is in my mind one of character rather than degree.

But why elaborate? King David settled the whole matter when he tersely cut down his dilemma, "All men are liars." There seems to be a certain perverse quality in human nature—particularly compounded of cowardice, no doubt, partly of divine play to the imagination—that finds pleasure in making and telling a lie.